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## Monroe County Executive

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## MONROE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN STATEWIDE STOP-DWI FOURTH OF JULY CRACKDOWN ENFORCEMENT EFFORT

Impaired Driving Crackdown Runs July 1st – July 5th

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** and Sheriff **Patrick O'Flynn** today announced that Monroe County police agencies will participate in a special enforcement effort to crackdown on impaired driving this Fourth of July weekend.

"Fourth of July weekend provides a wonderful opportunity for all of us to come together in celebration of our nation's independence. While we spend time with our friends and families this weekend, let us not forget to do so safely and responsibly," said **Dinolfo**. "As County Executive, public safety is one of my top priorities. We are pleased that our County law enforcement agencies will be joining their partners throughout the state to ensure that our roads remain free from impaired drivers this Fourth of July."

The statewide STOP-DWI Crackdown efforts begin on July 1<sup>st</sup> and will end on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Historically, Fourth of July weekend has a high rate of impaired drivers and therefore, the New York State Police, County Sheriffs and municipal law enforcement agencies collaborate across the state in this effort. Law enforcement will be out in full force to reduce the number of alcohol related injuries and fatalities during this period.

"Far too often we see the tragic consequences of drunk driving," said **O'Flynn**. "The emotional and financial impact is far reaching and affects the entire community. Combatting drunk driving will continue to be the focus of the Sheriff's Office."

The Fourth of July Weekend Crackdown is one of many statewide enforcement initiatives promoted by the New York State STOP-DWI Association with additional funding from the STOP-DWI Foundation by a grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. The Statewide STOP-DWI Crackdown Campaign also targets Memorial Day and Labor Day Weekend, Halloween and the national Holiday Season in December.

**Monroe County STOP DWI Coordinator Peggy Duffy** encourages community members to download the "Have a Plan" mobile app to receive more information on responsible driving or to locate and call a taxi service in the area. The app may be found at <a href="https://www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp">www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp</a>.

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